

Church of the Most Precious Blood / Saint Theresa of Lisieux Collaborative



4th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28, 30

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saint Theresa of Lisieux

Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 10:30am
Sunday 5:30pm*

*As Announced September - December

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am



Most Precious Blood

Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 9:00am
Sunday 5:30pm*

*As Announced January—May

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00am

OUR COLLABORATIVE

Most Precious Blood—St. Theresa of Lisieux Collaborative Pastoral Council

Father Robert Blaney	Ann Carroll (STP)
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Sacramental & Devotional Services

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish
Baptism: Saint Theresa of Lisieux (contact the Parish)
 1st Sunday of the month at 12noon
Most Precious Blood (contact the Parish)
 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:30pm
Funeral: Contact the Parish
Marriage: Arrange six months prior
Confession: By appointment contact the Parish
Adoration: First Fridays following 9am Mass (MPB)
Rosary: Thursdays 8:30am before 9am Mass (STP)



Pray the Rosary at Saint Theresa on THURSDAYS at 8:30am, prior to the 9:00am Mass.



FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

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Sunday January 30
 9:00am (MPB)
 Sunday January 30
 10:30am (STP)
 Monday January 31
 9:00am (MPB)
 Tuesday February 1
 9:00am (STP)
 Sunday February 6
 9:00am (MPB)
 Sunday February 6
 10:30am (STP)

Margaret O'Brien	Memorial
Dale Sherratt	1 year Anniversary
Kevin Clark	Memorial
Gertrude Burns	Memorial
Fran Boudreau	Memorial
Bruce Gray	Memorial

We pray for the repose of the souls of:

Dolores Loscalzo, who died on January 12, 2022
Cara Finnegan Groman, who died on January 20, 2022
Carole Crino, who died on January 22, 2022



Readings for January 30, 2022

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/
 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a "Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador's civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica)." As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God's message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one's earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God's love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you? ©LPi

Stewardship

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Total: \$28,921

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Including matching gifts

Total: \$62,808

Matching Gifts

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\$19,100**

December Expenses:

Total: \$51,669

Saint Theresa of Lisieux

December Offertory

Total: \$40,791

December Expenses:

Total: \$45,501

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Blessing of Throats

Saint Blaise brought healing and peace to others through his strong relationship with the Lord. An ardent follower of Jesus, Saint Blaise truly became like Christ. Even as he was led to a grisly death, he focused on the needs of those around him. On February 3rd, the church honors Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. In memory of Saint Blaise, the **Blessing of Throats will be given at all of the Masses on January 29th & 30th.**



Saint Theresa's Saturday Vigil Mass MOVES to 4pm on February 5th

Wanting to accommodate the many parishioners who have expressed a desire to move the time of the Saturday Vigil Mass at Saint Theresa Parish from 5:30pm to 4pm, we have made the decision to make this change beginning on Saturday, February 5th.

I appreciate the time spent with the Collaborative Pastoral Council discerning this move. May it allow greater participation of our parishioners in the celebration of the Mass.

Collaborative Staff Development

I am so pleased to announce that Roseann Furbush is being launched into the inaugural position of the Pastoral Associate for both Most Precious Blood and Saint Theresa of Lisieux parishes. Roseann will build upon the good work that has been accomplished in the past, and will help our parishes envision a future of faith and good works. I am grateful that Roseann has accepted this newly created position and we look forward to facing the challenges, joys and successes that are in our future.

-Fr. Blaney

Saint Theresa's Savory "Meals-to-Go" Bake Sale

Place your order before Sunday, Feb 20th. Please pay when your order is placed.

Orders MUST be picked up on either Saturday, Feb 26 or Sunday, Feb 27th.

All meals serve 4-6 adults. Baking instructions and a list of ingredients will be included. You may place your order with Mary, 508 650-3593 or Michelle, 508 254-5672 or see us at mass.

Chicken pot pie \$30

Lasagne with meat sauce \$35 (gluten free \$40)

Lasagne, cheese sauce \$30 (gluten free \$35)

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Baked Ziti (no cheese) \$25

If you would like to help bake, please contact us. Mary, 508 650-3593 or Michelle, 508 254-5672

First Corinthians and the Stewardship of Social Media

"Love is patient, love is kind ..." As familiar as these words are, they never seem to stray into the territory of becoming trite or silly. At their core they communicate a truth about us and about our Creator that never fails to inspire.

But despite the fact that you've probably heard it at many weddings over time, First Corinthians isn't just for newlyweds. It wasn't written for married folks. It's for every single one of us, in every state of life and every social situation, in every country and culture and language across the globe.

Which means that First Corinthians is even for the online world. It's for Facebook and Twitter and Instagram and all the other platforms I'm forgetting (there seems to be a new one every day, doesn't there?).

A sense of division — whether rooted in politics, culture or anything else — is growing in our world, and it's never more obvious than when we observe interactions online. It is far easier, after all, to remember what love is when a human being of flesh and blood stands before us. When all we see is an avatar or a profile picture on a screen — especially accompanied by an opinion with which we vehemently disagree — even the most loving Christians can throw First Corinthians out the window.

As everyday stewards we know that we are charged to be not only gracious but grateful. We receive others but we also give thanks for what they bring to us — even if that's an opportunity to "strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts."

So before the next time you post anything online, I suggest giving First Corinthians a read — and remember, love never fails.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION A Source of Many Graces

As a follower of Jesus, we are all invited to an encounter with our loving God's mercy through the sacrament of confession, where God meets us where we are in our weakness and powerfully deepens our spiritual growth.

If you would like to schedule a confession, please call or email Father Blaney at 508-785-0305 Ext. 223 or frblaney@mpb-stp.org.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

The Women's Prayer Group at Saint Theresa Parish will meet via Zoom now through April on Tuesdays at 7pm. We welcome all women of the collaborative to join us in prayer as their schedules allow. No commitment is required. To join our zoom email list, or for more information, please contact Kathy Donohue at 508-934-9366.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

We invite all the men of St. Theresa & Most Precious Blood Parishes— young and old – to join the Men's Prayer Group each week as we get together to read the Sunday Scripture and then share our thoughts and reflections on what the readings mean and how we can better bring the Word into our lives. Meetings are on Saturday mornings from 8 to 9am.

Because of COVID, the meetings are now being held via Zoom, but we hope to meet again in person later this year. Each week is a lively event, bringing lots of different perspectives on our faith and our daily challenges. Please contact Gene Ham hamgene50@gmail.com if you'd like to join.

A PLACE TO TURN & SAINT BRIDGET FOOD PANTRIES

Saint Theresa of Lisieux's food collections baskets for A Place to Turn and Saint Bridget's are at the rear of the church. Donations of non-perishable food, toiletries, and paper goods are greatly appreciated.

BOSTON HEALTHCARE FOR THE HOMELESS FOOD PANTRY

Our next delivery will be made on **Tuesday, February 15**. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Ann Marie McVeigh-617-293-4215 or Martha DePaola -508-785-1217.

WEATHER POLICY

Whenever Dover-Sherborn schools are cancelled because of bad weather, daily Mass will be cancelled at Most Precious Blood and St. Theresa Churches. On the weekends Mass cancellations will be announced on TV (channels 5 & 7). There will also be a blast email providing there is electrical power at the church. The Archdiocese has asked all parishes to remind parishioners that when weather conditions are bad everyone should use caution and exercise good judgment about coming to church, as roads, parking lots and sidewalks may be hazardous. During severe weather everyone is urged to stay at home, both for personal safety and to give town crews ample time to clear roads.

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